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|   | Applicant claim  | s small entit         | ty status. See 37                     | CFR1.27.         |       |                    |               |         |                    |              |
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

The references now cited are the following:

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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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